

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 32 are amended to clarify that the solid material comprises amorphous material and is not limited to an amorphous content of greater than about 85%.. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification, for example, in paragraphs 5 and 113.

Claim 7 has been canceled.

Claim 29 is amended to broaden the claim by referring to claim 27 as well as claim 28. Support for this amendment is found in paragraphs 114 and 115 of the specification.

Claim 30 is amended to broaden the claim by referring to claim 27 as well as claim 28. Support for this amendment is found in paragraphs 117 - 119 of the specification.

Claim 31 is amended to broaden the claim by referring to claim 27 as well as claim 28. Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 121 of the specification and Table 1.

Claim 33 is reworded to better clarify the invention. Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of this or any other claim.

Claims 39 and 50 are amended to broaden the claims by adding particle surface morphology as a material characteristic. Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 71 of the specification.

Claims 43 and 54 are amended to clarify that the altered solid material characteristic is one that enhances processing efficiency. Support for this amendment is found in paragraphs 123 – 127 of the specification. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of these or any other claims.

Claim 46 is amended to clarify that the altered solid material characteristic is one that lowers polymeric liquid viscosity. Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 115 of the specification. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of this or any other claim.

Claims 48 and 59 are amended to clarify that the altered material characteristic is one that enhances purging. Support for this amendment is found in paragraphs 123 and 134 – 136 of the specification. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of these or any other claims.

Claim 57 is amended to clarify that the altered material characteristic is one that lowers polymeric liquid viscosity. Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 121 of the specification. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of this or any other claim.

Claim 65 is reworded to better clarify the invention. Support for this amendment is found in paragraphs 137 – 154 of the specification. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of this or any other claim.

New claim 66 refers to a finished polymer of the composition of claim 18. Support for this claim is found in paragraph 148 of the specification.

New claim 67 refers to an article of the composition of claim 18. Support for this claim is found in paragraphs 3-4 of the specification.

New claim 68 excludes naturally occurring aluminosilicate as a viscosity modifier from a method of lowering viscosity. Support for this claim is found in paragraph 32 and throughout the specification.

New claim 69 indicates that the solid material lowers viscosity at stress amplitudes and strain rates where a linear relation exists between stress amplitudes and strain rate. Support for this claim is found in paragraph 115 and throughout the specification.

New claim 70 indicates that the solid material lowers viscosity at stress amplitudes and strain rates approaching and exceeding the critical stress value. Support for this claim is found in paragraph 121 and throughout the specification.

New claim 71 indicates that the solid material is amorphous. Support for this claim is found in paragraph 33 of the specification.

All of the foregoing changes and additions find support in the specification. Consequently, no new matter is added.

Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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